

WHAT IS THE SPEAKERS BUREAU?

The *Speakers Bureau* is comprised of Santa Clara County judges and commissioners who speak to schools, non-profit groups, and other community organizations.

The *Speakers Bureau* has two goals:

- ▶ To increase public understanding and knowledge of the judicial system.
- ▶ To provide a forum for judges and members of the community to discuss issues relating to the courts.

HOW CAN YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPEAKERS BUREAU?

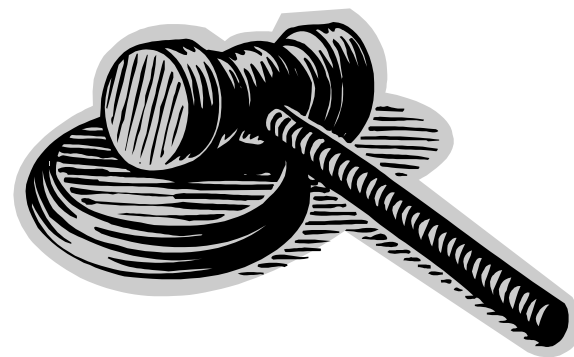
Many judges and commissioners from the *Speakers Bureau* have met with and spoken to schools and various community organizations. They would welcome the opportunity to speak with your organization.

Please take advantage of the *Speakers Bureau*. Requests for speakers can be written, telephoned, faxed or emailed to:

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HOW CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION BENEFIT FROM THE SPEAKERS BUREAU?

The *Speakers Bureau* can provide judges and commissioners to speak at your event, meeting, or school function. Judicial officers can provide insight into how civil and criminal cases proceed through the court system and how conflicts are resolved. Santa Clara County judges represent the community and work hard to serve you. They welcome the opportunity to meet with your organization and discuss current issues and the role of the courts in your community.

HOW CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION GET INVOLVED WITH THE SPEAKERS BUREAU?

The *Speakers Bureau* and the Santa Clara County courts covet your input on the needs and problems affecting the community in court-related matters.

WHAT ISSUES CONCERN YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION?

Judges can be an informational resource on a multitude of topics. If you are a teacher and need someone to talk about civil rights, call to have a judge speak to your students. If you represent a community organization that is facing property law issues, a judge can meet with your group to discuss members' concerns.

Judges with the *Speakers Bureau* are conversant on a wide range of topics including:

- ▶ Bails/Jails/Prison
- ▶ Civil/Small Claims
- ▶ Drugs/Gangs
- ▶ Drunk Driving/Traffic
- ▶ Family Law
- ▶ How to Become a Judge
- ▶ Jury Service
- ▶ Juvenile Issues
- ▶ Landlord/Tenant

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE COMMUNITY?

We can open the lines of communication between the courts and the community in various ways, such as:

Providing information on the court system

Speaking to the public about their rights

Educating students on drugs, gangs, drunk driving and other legal issues that affect them